

④ This money I intended for you, But he must have it but I think it will not be long before he will be back and few days he will refund it and I will then send it to you, how much discount is there on that bill if there is much, I will not send any more of that kind I can just as well send N.Y. money, write as soon as you get this, have you received a large sheet of paper with the green so thick you could grease even side of your farm you must now use none for this time

Good By for this time

Direct to me
100, Recept N.Y. S. V. Co &
1 Brigade Casey's Division
in care of Capt Bailey
Fort Monroe, Va.
W D Smith

22nd
May the 22nd 1862

① ^{tip} Bottomless Bridge, Va
Friend Andrew
it is with pleasure that I sit my old to work to let you see that I am still in the land of living and trying to enjoy my self, but I find lots of trials that almost discourages me, But tonight I hear news that would encourage the most down hearted person in the world that is this the Enemy is entirely surrounded and there is no chance for them to retreat,, we are now within 10 miles of the Rebels in Richmond we drove them across this Bridge on the 20th we had 3 hours of strong fighting But when we got them started they went like a flock of sheep

② with as many dogs after them
we only had two Regts on them they
Belong to our Brigade we was in
plain sight of the hull thing but
as we was not counted we did not
go, I will now tell you a little
more of the Wax Burny Battle as
we I now mean the 100 was going
up to the field of Battle we saw
thru the ranks of the 49 boys
doing this it has given us a big
name By all of the big men in
this Division this is a quite a help
to us it is so much they talk of
leaving us to guard this Bridge
while the rest has to fight and
take Richmond if there is any fighting
to be done, it is thought they will
surrender and give will smile
again in the Contract of America
and the union will be united
this will be a happy hour for us
poor soldiers; I will now say

③ that I am well and hope these
few lines will find you the same
I am very sorry to hear of your
Mother's illness and hope it will
not last long. Wilber is pretty sick
I received a letter from him to
day he has gone back to Washington
he did ~~if you had~~ if you
had had any news from home
write and tell them to me, he
says he has got the Bilens Fever
But thinks he is a little better
he also requests me to send
him some money if I have
any to spare for it was a
quite a long time before he
went to the Hospital and it
cost him all of his money
to pay his bill when he staid
I feel it my duty to send
him some, I first put in
\$15 for him in a letter, which
he will get as quick as it will
go